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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROFESSIONALS HONORED

Indianapolis – Recently, members of Indiana’s emergency medical services received recognition for contributions to their professions and communities during an awards ceremony in Indianapolis. The ceremony, part of the 28th Annual Emergency Response Conference sponsored by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and American Heart Association, honored emergency medical technicians, dispatchers, fire departments, paramedics, emergency physicians, and hospitals from around Indiana.

“During the conference we honored not only the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of emergency medical services but also the invaluable service they provide to communities across Indiana,” said Mike Garvey, Deputy Director of IDHS’ Division of Fire and Building Safety, “They did not enter their respective professions for glory or recognition but I am certain the individuals whose lives they touch consider them heroes.”

Those recognized this year include:

DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR

Deanna Decker, Harrison County Sheriff Department

Corydon, IN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-BASIC OF THE YEAR

George Joseph “Joe” Squier, Harrison County Hospital EMS

Corydon, IN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-BASIC ADVANCED OF THE YEAR

Kim Lee Norton, Orland Fire Rescue

Orland, IN

FRANK D. GILBERT, JR. MEMORIAL PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR

Harold “Louie” Green, Columbus Regional Hospital

Columbus, IN

MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Dr. Eric A. Vonderohe, Community Health Networks

Indianapolis, IN

DAVID J. EDWARDS MEMORIAL PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Jason Werle, Harrison County Hospital EMS

Corydon, IN

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT NON-TRANSPORT PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Washington Fire Department

Washington, IN

PARAMEDIC PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Perry County Memorial Hospital EMS

Tell City, IN

OTIS R. BOWEN HEROIC RESCUE

Multi-Township EMS

Silver Lake Fire Department

Warsaw Fire Department

Warsaw, IN

Silver Lake, IN

Warsaw, IN

AMBULANCE PROVIDER PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Harrison County Hospital EMS

Corydon, IN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AWARD

Joe Michna, Switzerland County EMS

Vevay, IN

INDIANA AMBLANCE ASSOCIATION LARRY MEYER'S AWARD

Debra Brice, Whitley County EMS

Columbia City, IN

Michelle McNeil, Whitley County EMS

Columbia City, IN

GOVERNOR'S CUP AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER COMPETITION WINNERS:**Paramedic**

First Place

Vito Palumbo & Grant Roberts

Elkhart Fire Department

Elkhart, IN

Second Place

Mike Anderson & Rick Allgood

Franklin Twp Fire Department

Indianapolis, IN

Third Place

Debra Brice & Michelle McNeil

Whitley County EMS

Columbia City, IN

Basic-Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

First Place

Andrew W. Stimpson & James Stiles

Wells County EMS

Bluffton, IN

Second Place

Chad Hniford & Lauren Vandervoort

Statewide Transfer Amb and Rescue

Crawfordsville, IN

Third Place

John Powers & Ray Dotson

Statewide Transfer Amb and Rescue

Crawfordsville, IN

Basic Emergency Medical Technician

First Place

Michaellyn Greyeyes & Vermondo Williams

Care Ambulance Service

Indianapolis, IN

Second Place

Mark Cowan & Chasity Velandingham

Care Ambulance Service

Indianapolis, IN

Third Place

Jessica Suchyna & Cassandra Miller

Care Ambulance Service

Indianapolis, IN

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Editor's note: Pictures of recipients receiving their award are available upon request.

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